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Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT

By email: LACommitteePA@parliament.act.gov.au

Dear Chair

Response to Recommendation 19: Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021-22

I thank the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) for its interest in the implementation of recommendations from ACT Ombudsman inquiries.

Please accept this correspondence as my response to Recommendation 19 in the Committee's *Report 2—Appropriation Bill 2021-2022 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022*.

Recommendation 19 states:

The Committee recommends the ACT Ombudsman provide to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts a copy of the report evaluating the ACT Government's progress against adopted recommendations from ACT Ombudsman's inquiries once completed.

Response by the ACT Ombudsman to Recommendation 19: Agreed in Principle.

Comment: The Office of the ACT Ombudsman and Commonwealth Ombudsman (the Office) regularly monitors the implementation of recommendations arising from investigations conducted by the Office. We are currently reviewing the implementation of recommendations made in reports published in the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021 (for both ACT Ombudsman and Commonwealth functions). We conducted a similar review in September 2020 and produced a report titled [Did they do what they said they would: Reviewing our Recommendations](#).

The review currently underway includes recommendations from 3 reports relevant to the ACT:

- [Investigation into the transparency of commercial land valuation decisions in the ACT](#) [ACT Revenue Office]
- [Investigation into the Administration of Parole by ACT Corrective Services](#)
- [ACT Policing's administrative framework for engagement with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community](#).

Relevant agencies will be afforded the opportunity to comment on our findings prior to the finalisation of a report. Pending Ombudsman approval, a copy of the completed report will be published and provided to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in 2022.

If you would like further information, the Committee Secretariat may wish to contact Ms Symone Andersen, Acting Senior Assistant Ombudsman, Program Delivery Branch on 02 6276 0189. If you would like to contact me directly, my telephone number is 02 6276 3707.

Yours sincerely



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Cc by email: Ms Joy Burch MLA, Speaker.